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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 137 MONTHS

GREENBELT, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. sentenced Steven Stasevich, age 31, of Washington, D.C., to 137 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for bank robbery and attempted bank robbery. Judge Williams also ordered Stasevich to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,649.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court, on October 1, 2004, Stasevich entered the Provident Bank, 5416 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and demanded money from a teller. The teller gave Stasevich \$1,800 and he fled.

On October 5, 2004, Stasevich entered the BB&T Bank, 5200 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., and handed a teller a demand note. The teller falsely told Stasevich that he had to wait while she got keys to the drawer. Stasevich noticed that other tellers were observing the transaction, so he fled the bank. On the same day, Stasevich again entered the Provident Bank, 5416 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase. Once inside however, Stasevich noticed a guard and left. Later that day, Stasevich entered the Sandy Spring Bank, 7126 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. He handed a teller a demand note. The teller gave Stasevich \$2,200 and he fled.

On November 1, 2004, Stasevich entered the Provident Bank, 7508 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland and handed a teller a demand note. The teller gave Stasevich \$2,079 and Stasevich fled. Later that day, Stasevich was outside of his residence with another individual, who was found to be in possession of \$708. When interviewed, the individual explained that Stasevich had given him \$500, and that Stasevich said he had obtained the money in a bank robbery earlier that day. Stasevich was arrested and found to be in possession of approximately \$1,430. Stasevich was shown bank surveillance photographs from the robberies at the Sandy Spring Bank on October 5, 2004, and the Provident Bank on November 1, 2005. Stasevich admitted that he is the person depicted in each photograph and admitted to robbing both banks. Stasevich further admitted that he entered the BB&T Bank and Provident Bank on October 5, 2004, with the intent to rob each

bank, but changed his mind after becoming nervous.

When asked about the robbery of the Provident Bank on October 1, 2004, for which the agents/detectives did not have a bank surveillance photograph, Stasevich denied committing this robbery. Agents and detectives compiled a photo-array, which included Stasevich's photograph. Witnesses identified Stasevich as the person who committed each of the above robberies/attempted robberies, including the October 1, 2004 robbery of the Provident Bank.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Barbara Skalla, who prosecuted the case.